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TAGS: PFOR, UK, SF, RH, NI

SUBJECT: ROWLANDS ARRIVES IN LAGOS

1. BRITISH FCO MINISTER TED ROWLANDS ARRIVED LAGOS LAST NIGHT FOR TWG DAQ VISIT AND WAS GRILLED AT LENGTH AT AIRPORT BY NIGERIAN NEWSMEN. ROWLANDS' REMARKS ARE UNSURPRISING BUT ARE GIVEN MAJOR PRESS PLAY TODAY. THEY INCLUDE:

- BRITAIN HAS NO MAGIC WAND TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. PURPOSE HIS AFRICAN TOUR IS TO HAVE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH LEADERS OF TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN ORDER AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS OVER BRITISH SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICIES. NEW PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS BEING SOUGHT. QTE. IF FROM THE NEW DISCUSSIONS AND MANY OTHER CONSULTATIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE, SOME POSSIBLE SANCTIONS, OPENINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARISE FOR A NEW INITIATIVE, WE SHALL TAKE IT.

UNQTE;

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- U.K. DOES NOT INTEND NEGOTIATE FURTHER WITH SMITH UNLESS THERE

IS QUICK PROGRESS ON MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE;

- HMG CANNOT ENDORSE VORSTER'S DECEMBER 1978 DATE FOR NAMIBIAN  
INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE IT FALLS SHORT OF ESTABLISHING A "FREE,  
UNITARY AND INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA";

- BRITAIN IS NOT SOFT ON SMITH AND VORSTER REGIMES, HAVING  
QTE IMPLEMENTED SANCTIONS AGAINST THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN ANY  
NATION IN THE WORLD. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: ROWLANDS EXPECTED MEET WITH GARBA AND OTHER FMG  
OFFICIALS. BRITISH HICOM HAS PROMISED DEBRIEF US WHEN VISIT  
COMPLETED AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER THEN.  
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